

State of South Dakota

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1997

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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Introduced by: Senator Hutmacher and Representatives Cerny and Kredit

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging speedy repair and reopening of Platte-Winner
2 Missouri River Bridge.

3 WHEREAS, adverse weather conditions resulting from the unprecedented winter of 1996-
4 1997 have caused damage to infrastructure and to economic conditions in many areas of the
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, the Highway 44 Missouri River Bridge connecting the cities of Platte and
7 Winner has been closed because of damage to the bridge's piers and pilings caused by unusual
8 and unexpected movements of ice during the spring of 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, the Missouri River is formidable geographic barrier in South Dakota that has
10 few crossings even in normal times. The ability to cross the Missouri River in multiple locations
11 is of serious economic importance to this state; and

12 WHEREAS, the construction of any bridge across the river is a major financial and economic
13 undertaking that, once accomplished, cannot be allowed to stand idle; and

14 WHEREAS, the closure of the Platte-Winner Missouri River Bridge creates serious
15 economic and transportation difficulties for those communities and for individuals, businesses,

1 and local governments in the surrounding area:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Special Session of the
3 Seventy-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives
4 concurring therein, that the South Dakota Department of Transportation and all relevant federal
5 agencies are hereby urged to place the highest priority on the repair of the Missouri River Bridge
6 on Highway 44 connecting Platte and Winner and that the bridge be repaired and reopened as
7 quickly as possible.